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FOR AMBASSADORS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF PRESIDENT'S ENVOY AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN

REF: STATE 13644, BONN 1092, 1093, OSLO 343, LONDON 1020,
1056.

1. DEPT APPRECIATES EFFORTS EMBASSIES ARRANGE MEETINGS
FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS AND FULLY
UNDERSTANDS DIFFICULTIES FITTING APPOINTMENT INTO FORMINS
SCHEDULE AT SHORT NOTICE. HOWEVER, ENVOY IS ON SPECIAL
MISSION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE US, TO RAISE BROAD POLICY
ISSUES CONCERNING WHICH THEIR GOVTS WILL BE ASKED TO
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PROVIDE SUPPORT. TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OUTLINING

ENVOY'S RESPONSIBILITY FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. THIS IS NOT RPT NOT MISSION TO DISCUSS TACTICAL ISSUES WITH ILO EXPERTS. BROAD ISSUES ON WHICH WE SEEK COMMITMENTS FROM FRIENDLY GOVTS INVOLVE FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE DECIDED ONLY AT HIGH LEVEL OF GOVT AND WHICH WILL RELATE TO THE GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY OF THESE GOVTS. THEREFORE, FOREIGN MINISTERS RATHER THAN DEPUTIES (WITH ILO EXPERTISE) ARE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR. (FYI: RELATIONS WITH ILO CAN HAVE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH

OTHER UN AGENCIES, WITH UN ITSELF, AND ON OUR FOREIGN POLICY GENERALLY. END FYI) FURTHERMORE, SENIOR US OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT ILO AFFAIRS HAVE NOT RECEIVED HIGH-LEVEL (E.G. CABINET) ATTENTION IN WESTERN EUROPE. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT USG IS GIVING CABINET ATTENTION TO BROAD ISSUES WHICH DERIVE FROM ILO SITUATION AND WE ARE SEEKING SIMILAR LEVEL OF ATTENTION FROM OUR ALLIES.

2. ACCORDINGLY, AMB. SILBERMAN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COME TO BONN FROM BELGRADE AT EARLIEST DATE THAT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CAN BE ARRANGED, HOPEFULLY WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. FOLLOWING SUCH MEETING HE WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTERS.

3. FOR BONN: PLEASE INFORM ARENDT WE APPRECIATE HIS WILLINGNESS ARRANGE MEETING WITH AMB. SILBERMAN. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IN VIEW DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH ARENDT IN WASHINGTON IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS FOR AMBASSADOR TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND TO POSTPONE MEETING WITH ARENDT UNTIL FOREIGN MINISTER AVAILABLE. ROBINSON UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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